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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	David A. Cook et al.
Serial No.:	10/661,326
Filing Date:	September 12, 2003
Group Art Unit:	2419
Confirmation No.:	9358
Examiner:	Brian T. O'Connor
Title:	<i>System and Method for Verifying the Validity of a Path in a Network Environment</i>

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 15, 2009 ("*Office Action*"). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.